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Title: **PARTICLE CASSETTE, METHOD AND KIT THEREFOR**

RESPONSE TO REQUIREMENT FOR ELECTION

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to an Office Action in the above-referenced application, mailed 21 April 2003, and having a shortened one-month statutory period for response. Accordingly, a five-month extension of time to respond is requested, and the petition and fee therefor accompanies this paper.